

Attachment 7 – Disadvantaged Community Assistance

The Final Guidelines for the 2015 Implementation Grant require consideration of the 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) data. According to the 2009-2013 ACS data, the statewide Median Household Income is \$61,094 (see **Attachment 7a**). The definition of a DAC is a community with an MHI of 80% or less than the statewide MHI (California Water Code §79505.5(a)); the 2009-2013 threshold for a community to be considered a DAC is \$48,875.

The groundwater recharge will provide benefit to the City of Parlier as well as the surrounding area. The MHI for the City of Parlier as well as the surrounding community is identified (Census Tracts 68.02, 69, 85.01 and 85.02), is well below the threshold to be considered a DAC. The following table shows the MHI of each of these communities, and the information from the ACS for each tract is included as **Attachment 7b** and shown in the map included (see **Figure 7-1**).

Table 7-1: CID Disadvantaged Communities		
Community Name or Tract No.	2009-13 ACS MHI	Percent of Statewide MHI
Parlier	\$35,327	58%
Tract 68.02	\$36,054	59%
Tract 69	\$32,292	53%
Tract 85.01	\$29,611	48%
Tract 85.02	\$38,851	64%

The City of Parlier has entered into an agreement with CID (see **Attachment 6b**) to develop groundwater recharge basins to replenish the groundwater supply that is the sole source of water that the City relies upon. This project will begin implementation of this agreement and the groundwater recharge from this project will help improve the groundwater quality and sustain the quantity of water in the aquifer that the City relies upon. The groundwater contours in **Figure 2-2** illustrate the groundwater flows in the direction of the City of Parlier from the proposed basin. This project meets the critical water supply need to the disadvantaged community because it is necessary to assure continued reliability of the minimum quality and quantity of water available to the City and the surrounding area.

The project will also bank water each year for use by the community in proximity to the project during drought years. During drought years, the banked water supply can be extracted without a net loss to the aquifer, allowing the users to continue their operations without additional groundwater pumping. While the benefit to these community members is not identified as a critical water supply need, without the safeguarded supply provided by the banking portion of the project, the farmers would not be able to sustain their cropland during drought years.

The project will benefit the DAC of the City of Parlier, as well as the surrounding disadvantaged community, therefore Consolidated Irrigation District is seeking a funding matching waiver for the entire project. This project has previously been determined by DWR to benefit the DAC of the City of Parlier, as well as the area immediately surrounding the project.

